

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West

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Church School after Holy Communion



OCTOBER 28, 2018

MARTYRS TERENCE & NEONILLA AND THEIR CHILDREN

HYMNS AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion for the Resurrection in the Fifth tone: Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

All: Troparion to St. Mark in the Fourth Tone: From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark, and thou didst love the labor of Christ the Savior. Wherefore thou didst follow Peter with zeal and didst serve Paul as a fellow laborer and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Priest: Kontakion of the Theotokos in the Second Tone: O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix unrejected by the Creator, turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us in time, who cry to thee in faith, with assistance; for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee.

Prokeimenon (Psalm 33:22,1) Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:11-18)

Brethren, See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Alleluia Verses Tone 5: (Psalm 88. 1,2) I will sing of your mercies, O Lord, forever. For you have said: "Mercy shall be built up for ever."

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Ja'irus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet, he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could

not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you, and you say, 'Who touched me?' " But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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Holy Oblations are offered by the Simon, Messner and Laffoon families for the soul of Helen Simon, departed this life one year.

Today's Breast Cancer Awareness luncheon is sponsored by the Antiochian Women of St. Mark Church.

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Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Eleanor Wackeen, Tarek Fakhouri, George Aldada (the elder), Adele Bahbah, and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted with disease and violence.

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<p>Ushers this week: Teen SOYO</p> <p>Ushers next week: Teen SOYO</p> <p>Altar boys serving this week: Paul Youssef, Chadi Tarazi, Salim Elsayegh, Joseph Haffty, Alex Haffty, Seth Skaff, John Jirjis.</p> <p>Altar boys serving next week: Andrew Khamis, Michael Yagham, Sebastian Skaff, Matthew Kalache, Dominic Benjamin.</p>

Quote from the Saints

"To stand guard over the heart, to stand with the mind in the heart, to descend from the head into the heart - all these are one and the same thing. The core of the work lies in the concentration of attention and the standing before the invisible Lord, not in the head but within the chest, close to the heart and in the heart. When the divine warmth comes, all this will be clear." -- *St. Theophan the Recluse*

Good Samaritan Fund

Several years ago, St. Mark Church established a fund for assisting those in need, both within our parish and in the general community. From time to time we ask for contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund, and this is one of those times. If you are in need of assistance or you are aware of someone in our parish that needs financial assistance, please speak with Fr. Michael.

Church Etiquette

- Please be on time for services; those arriving late should not approach the Chalice for Communion.
- To receive Communion, one must be a baptized/chrisdated Orthodox Christian who has prepared by prayer, fasting, alms giving, and regular confession.
- Confessions are heard on Wednesday and Saturday evenings after Great Vespers and during the week by appointment.
- Men, women, and children: please dress modestly for services.
- Please remove lip balm or lipstick before receiving Communion or kissing the holy icons, Chalice, or Gospel.

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's home. All are welcome!
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the back of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the actions of the Liturgy (what the priests, deacon, altar boys are doing)
- Sing the hymns and responses. Children learn how to worship in church by copying you.
- Incidental noise and movement are not reasons to take your child out of church. If a child's crying or movements become a distraction to others, then it is time to leave until they are calm.

- If you have to leave the church with your child, do so but please come back. Our Lord said, “Let the children come to me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and one another. Let them know that they are at home in our house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing!

Please welcome our children and give a little encouragement to their parents.

Today

We will bless the newly-installed icons on the back wall of the Altar area. The central figures are our Lord with the Theotokos on his right and St. John the Baptist on his left. The authors of the four Eucharistic liturgies are the saints standing on either side: St. James, the brother of the Lord and St. Basil the Great (next to the Theotokos) and St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory the Dialogist next to St. John the Baptist. Thanks to Dave Tax and family, donors of the icons.

Today is also Special Olympics Awareness Day. The Teens will be asking your help to support this service project.

BCA Luncheon, sponsored by the Antiochian Women of St. Mark

This Week

Tuesday October 30, 6:30 p.m. Adult Education

Wednesday October 31, 7:00 p.m. Vespers

**Saturday November 3, Feast of St. Raphael of Brooklyn, Orthros 9:00 a.m.,
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturday November 3rd, 7:00 p.m. St Mark Annual Wine and Food Tasting,
Please see flyer for more information.**

Next week

Sunday November 4, Church School Boutique

Tuesday November 6, 6:45 p.m. Adult Education

Wednesday November 7, 7:00 p.m. Vespers

Upcoming Services & Events

Saturday November 10, Young Adult Retreat (see flyer for more information)

Sunday November 18, Men's Club Tarneeb Tournament, 2:00 p.m. See flyer for more information.

Sunday November 11, Thanksgiving Annual Luncheon sponsored by the Antiochian Ladies of St. Mark. Please see flyer included in this bulletin for more information and please sign at the signup sheet at the church hall with your donated dish.

BUY SCRIP

Our Ladies Guild buys scrip from many and various stores and Restaurants (see list included in this Bulletin) at a 3 to 10% discount. When you buy the scrip, which is accepted just like cash at the issuing store, the Parish benefits. You pay no more for these goods and services and are making a donation to our parish. You can purchase this scrip from Saeda Turk at the coffee hour.

Dear St. Mark Church (**YX817**),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. (**YX817**) Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. While the previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling. New members can enroll online as always or if you do not have access to the online sign-up method, **please call 1-800-443-4438** we will be happy to register for you by using the **new number** or the **name of your organization**.

If you have any questions, please email community.programs@ralphs.com or visit our website at <https://www.ralphs.com>.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,
Community Rewards Staff.

October 28 - Saints of the Day: Martyrs Terence and Neonilla and their children: Sarbelus, Photius, Theodulus, Hierax, Nita, Vele and Eunice suffered martyrdom during a persecution of Christianity under the emperor Decius (249-250). They zealously confessed Christ and denounced idolatry. For this the pagans subjected the entire Christian family to terrible tortures and torments, but failed to get them to renounce the true Faith. So, the holy martyrs were beheaded, and received crowns of martyrdom.